budgetary Expenditure on eduction (Revenue Account) by the Education Department (Central and State Governments) and Share of Central Government is given below:

Year	Budgeted Expenditure (in crore)	Share of Central Government (%)
1991-92	18757.61	9.1
1992-93	20952.97	8.6
1993-94	23413.10	9.0
1994-95	27232.15	9.4
1«5-'>6(RE)	32453.68	11.2
1996-97(BE)	36531.07	12.3

(c) It is proposed to raise allocation of the Central and States for education to six per cent of Gross Domestic Product by the year 2000 AD. The matter has been taken up with the Planning Commission.

Hike in Petroleum Prices

388, SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since raised the prices of petrol and other petroleum products including diesel and LPG;

(b) if so, the details and justifications thereof; and

(c) how far it would help curb the deficit and .bring it in line with international costs and cost of production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLUEM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) The cumulative outstanding of the oil companies from the oil pool account were estimated around Rs. 18,200 crores as on 30.6.97. The mounting outstanding had resulted in severe cash crunch to oil companies necessitating them to resort to hug borrowings. With a view to contain the deficit in the oil pool account, the ex-storage point price of Petrol, Diesel and LPG were increased w.e.f. 2.9.97 as under:

Petrol	—	Rs. 1/Litre
Diesel	—	Rs. 1.80/Litre
LPG	—	Rs. 15/Cylinder

The Government have also decided that pricing of major petroleum products including USD would be on import parity basis. The price of USD has accordingly been revised effective 7.11.37. In the medium run, all petroleum products will be priced at import parity, except for Kerosene, the subsidy upon which will be covered by additional realisation on Motor Spirit.

पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों के लिए उपलब्ध तेल

389. **प्रो. विजय कुमार मल्होत्राः** क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे किः

(क) देश में पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों के लिए उपलब्ध तेल की कुल मात्रा कितनी है;

(ख) पिछले वर्ष के दौरान कितनी मात्रा में तेल का आयात किया गया और उस पर कितनी धनराशि खर्च की गई; और

(ग) देश में नये तेल कुओं को खोजने के लिए सरकार क्या कदम उठा रही है?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री) श्री टी. आर. बालूः (क) वर्ष 1996-97 के दौरान कच्चे तेल का स्वदेशी उत्पादन 32.9 एम. एम. टी. था।

(ख) पिछले वर्ष के दौरान आयात किए गए कच्चे तेल की मात्रा लगभग 33.9 एम एम टी (अनन्तिम) थी और व्यय की गई विदेशों मुद्रा लगभग 5135.0 मिलियन डालर (अनन्तिम) थी।

(ग) वर्ष 1997-98 के दौरान ओ एन जी सी और ओ आई एल ने कुल 168 अन्वेषणात्मक कृपो का वेघन करने की योजना बनाई है।